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### **MINUTES CITY OF COVINGTON ARTS COMMISSION MEETING**

**Thursday, November 10, 2011**

**Large Conference Room, City Hall  
16720 SE 271<sup>st</sup> Street, Suite 100, Covington**

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**Note:** *The Art Commission meeting was preceded by an hour-long presentation beginning at 6:30 by Scott Thomas on the Covington Community Park plan, budget and schedule.*

#### **CALL TO ORDER**

Sandy Bisordi, Chair, called the meeting to order at 7:30 pm.

#### **MEMBERS PRESENT**

Sandy Bisordi, Gini Cook, Ed White, Rudi Sullivan, Brienne Berg and Jonathan Combs.

#### **MEMBERS ABSENT**

Katrina Alegado, (motion to excuse-Ed, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Rudi and all approved)

#### **CITY STAFF PRESENT**

Pat Patterson

#### **INSPIRATIONAL THOUGHT**

Brienne announced that she had received a Woman of the Year award from the National Association of Professional Women. Congratulations on her achievement!

#### **APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA AND MEETING MINUTES**

Motion to approve agenda by Jonathan; 2<sup>nd</sup> by Rudi; all in favor.

Rudi moved to approve the Minutes of 10/13/11 meeting; Ed 2<sup>nd</sup>; all approved.

#### **CITIZEN/STAFF COMMENTS**

No visitors were in attendance.

#### **CONTINUED BUSINESS**

- On the subject of hosting a SoCoCulture Meeting, the group agreed to the date of Wednesday, May 9<sup>th</sup> from 1:00 pm to 2:30 pm in the Council Chambers. More to follow later as date approaches.

- Recap of WRPA Conference: Rudi, Sandy and Pat attended. All agreed it was informative and Rudi and Sandy especially enjoyed the session they attended where they made simple lanterns out of recycled soda bottles.
- Covington Art Project: Brienne talked to the people from the Green River Community Foundation about their outdoor water sculpture. To complete this project they relied on funds from a major donor and private donations of \$15-\$20 for the inscribed granite tiles. Brienne said that Boeing provides grants for art and she is going to look more closely into approaching them for a Covington public art project.
- Public Art Policy – group agreed that we all need to familiarize ourselves with the city policy adopted in May of 2003.
- Student Art Show, March 2012 Update: Sandy, Rudi and Katrina met to discuss the process. Katrina is drafting a shorter version of the announcement letter that will go out soon to alert teachers to the upcoming event so they can consider projects for their students. This notice will go out via e-mail to all the elementary school teachers and the art departments of the Middle and High Schools. Ed volunteered to help gather the e-mail addresses and he will work with Rudi on that. It was suggested that the reception for the exhibitors and their families be March 1<sup>st</sup>; Rudi will ask the city for that date. Further discussion on whether a map is needed in the printed “program.” Since something like a 2-month lead time was requested by the city GIS/map people to prepare the map, and considering that we don’t yet know what businesses will be participating as exhibit sites, the group thought a better idea would be post the map on the city’s website. Pat will talk to Scott Thomas about this approach since he seemed the most concerned about the accuracy of the map. As soon as any art is collected from the schools, Ed will take some pictures which will be used in the 2012 brochure. Ed suggested that information on business hours be gathered at the time businesses agree to exhibit student art.
- Work Plan Update – we’ll update next month.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

- Summer Concert Series: Pat reported that it looks like this is a “go” for summer 2012. Venue would be the fast pitch field at Kentwood High School on Friday nights for 4-5 weeks starting after Independence Day with a “by” the week of the Covington Days Festival. Pat is looking for direction on the type of music to feature.
- Community Park Art: As plans are going forward for Covington Community Park, the Commission should be thinking of artistic approaches to standard park amenities – such as benches, signage, water fountains, trash receptacles, grates, etc. Assuming the park moves ahead as planned, the summer concert series would move to that venue.
- Display Artists: Pat reported that 3 artists have submitted applications thus far and that there has been a lot of inquiry as a result of the e-mail notice sent out.
- Regarding an art opportunity at Valley Med, Ed will contact Selena on the Planning Commission for particulars.

**CITIZEN/COMMISSIONER/STAFF COMMENTS**

**FUTURE AGENDA TOPICS**

None

**GROUP MEMORY**

Group Memory was approved by all Commission Members.

**ADJOURN**

Meeting adjourned at 9:20 by Sandy Bisordi.